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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 10 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	4366th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolution 1160 (1998) of 31 March 1998

Morning*	4367th meeting**	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in East Timor

Morning***	4368th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in East Timor

4 p.m.	4369th (closed) meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Eritrea and Ethiopia pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4366th meeting.

** A briefing will be given by the Secretariat.

*** To be held following the adjournment of the 4367th meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m. 223rd (closed) meeting* Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

3 p.m. 112th PLENARY MEETING* General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council: report of the Open-ended Working Group (A/55/47) [59]
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10. Question of Palestine [41]
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13. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [45]
14. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [46]
15. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [50]

* The 112th plenary meeting of the General Assembly is expected to be of short duration. Delegates are requested to be in their seats promptly at 3 p.m. to hear the closing statement of the President.

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35. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128]

36. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [129]

37. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [130]

38. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [132]

39. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [133]

40. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [134]

41. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [135]

42. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan [136]

43. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [137]

44. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

45. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters [140]

46. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [143]

47. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [144]

48. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [148]

49. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti [150]

50. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic [152]

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52. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

53. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]

54. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [167]

55. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [168]

56. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [169]

57. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [175]

58. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [176]

59. Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects [179]

60. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [182]

61. Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [185]

62. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]

63. Closure of the fifty-fifth session

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session of 2001

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Agenda and work plan for the session (DP/2001/L.3 and Corr.1)
2. UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [2] (DP/2001/21, DP/2001/22 and Add.1, DP/2001/24, DP/2001/30 and Add.1, DP/2001/CRP.18)
3. UNDP: Muti-year funding framework [3] (DP/2001/25)

[There will be a meeting of donors on Monday, 10 September 2001, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

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DRAFTING GROUP
(Special session of the General Assembly on children)

Afternoon* - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room**
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room**

Informal consultations to consider the draft outcome document "A world fit for children" contained in document A/AC. 256/CRP.6/Rev.3

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* Following the adjournment of the 112th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

** To be announced.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 10 September 2001

GROUP OF 77
(on the Second Committee agenda items and the Ministerial Declaration)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE AFRICAN GROUP

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 11 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

3 p.m. 1st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Finland
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation
3. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly

Immediately following the plenary meeting

Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees for the purpose of electing their Chairmen General Assembly Hall

Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees 2nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

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FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Credentials

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (17-18 September 2001)

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership, to be held on 17 and 18 September 2001, are kindly requested to contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon (tel.: (212) 963-5063; room S-3001D). Requests may also be sent by fax to (212) 963-3783 or by e-mail to dizon @un.org.

General debate (24-28 September, 1-5 October 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON CHILDREN
(19-21 September 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) in the debate on children is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-3001). The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations that were unable to participate in the drawing of lots may still inscribe on the list of speakers by contacting Ms. Carmencita Dizon (room S-3001D).

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

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The Third Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Wednesday, 3 October 2001, and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 4 October 2001, at 3 p.m., and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 11 September 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 7.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the Human Development Report 2002 on Tuesday, 18 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) is scheduled to take place from 25 to 27 September 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Under item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1), a general exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty is expected to take place. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views is open.

In accordance with the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. The list of speakers for statements by non-signatory States is also open.

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each.

The Secretariat also advises that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty that the Conference be attended at a high level.

States wishing to inscribe on the lists of speakers should communicate their request in writing and hand-delivered to Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140). Request may also be sent by fax to the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch (fax: (212) 963-8892). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first-served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

For enquiries regarding the lists of speakers, please call (212) 963-5976.

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Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

The Third Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction will take place from 18 to 21 September 2001 in Managua, Nicaragua.

The list of speakers for the general exchange of views, to take place on 18 and 19 September, is opened at the Department for Disarmament Affairs at United Nations Headquarters. Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list are kindly asked to inform the Secretariat (room S-3151B; tel.: (212) 963-4472).

Delegates of States are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should have been submitted by 3 September 2001 to the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Room S-3170A, United Nations Secretariat, United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017 (fax: (212) 963-1121). From 14 September, they should be submitted directly to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Third Meeting of States Parties to the Mine-Ban Convention, Managua, Nicaragua, to the attention of Mr. Wolfgang Haas, UNDP Managua (fax: 011-505-2-666-909).

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As from Tuesday, 4 September 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the French presidency of the Security Council (available in French and in English) can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/france.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 7 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

111th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/1031) [122]

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary General (A/55/1031) concerning 15 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [8]

(a) Seventh report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.6)

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-sixth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly".

(b) Draft decision (A/55/L.94)

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/55/L.94.

(c) Reopening of the consideration of the agenda item 33 (A/55/L.95)

The General Assembly decided to reopen the consideration of agenda item 33 and agreed to proceed immediately to the consideration of the item.

Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/55/L.95) [33]

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.95.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.95 (resolution 55/282).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 33.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: draft resolution (A/55/L.92) [181]

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.92.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.92 (resolution 55/283).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 181.

2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Africa: draft resolution (A/55/L.84/Rev.1) [186]

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.84/Rev.1 (resolution 55/284).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 186.

Strengthening of the United Nations system; revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/55/L.93) [61 and 62]

The representative of Chile made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.93.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.93 (resolution 55/285).

The representative of Canada made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda items 61 and 62.

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [48]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 48.

Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [63]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 63.

Question of Cyprus [64]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 64.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The General Assembly decided to include the item in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [119]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 119.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [131]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 131.

Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia [139]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 139.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II [141]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 141.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique [142]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 142.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti [145]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 145.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia [146]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 146.

Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda [147]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 147.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group [149]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 149.

Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala [151]

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 151.

Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo [178]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 178.

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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Resumed twenty-third session 8th meeting

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the resumed twenty-third session of the Committee (A/AC.198/2001/L.4). The Committee adopted by consensus the revised text of its draft resolution B and the report as a whole.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Sweden (6 September 2001)*

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2001: Rights of Women and Children (United Nations Headquarters)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 19 September until 5 October 2001 at Headquarters. Arrangements will be made for the treaty actions to be undertaken in a formal setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 14 August 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 10 September 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the above event will be provided closer to 19 September 2001.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual DPI/NGO Conference

The fifty-fourth Annual DPI/NGO Conference, on the theme "NGOs Today: Diversity of the Volunteer Experience", will take place from 10 to 12 September 2001. The Conference will be convened on Monday, 10 September, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, with addresses by the President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri; the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan; the President of Mexico, H.E. Mr.Vicente Fox (via live video-conference); the Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteer Programme, Ms. Sharon Capeling-Alakija; and NGOs representatives, Ms. Kay Greene, NGO/DPI Executive Committee Chair, Ms. Leslie Wright, Vice-President of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Status with the United Nations, and Ms. Anic Kalayjian, Chair of the Conference. For further information on the plenary sessions and workshops of the Conference, please visit the DPI/NGO Web site (www.un.org/dpi/ngosection) or call the NGO Section (tel.: (212) 963-0786). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council on Monday, 10 September 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Briefing

The briefing for delegations on the special security arrangements for the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children will be held on Tuesday, 11 September 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Access to the Secretariat Building

Non-governmental organizations wishing to access the United Nations Secretariat during the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on Children will have to be accredited to the special session. The Registration Desk for non-governmental organizations approved for accreditation to the special session will be located in temporary facilities situated at the north garden entrance at 48th Street and 1st Avenue. For further information, please call UNICEF at (212) 824-6323.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
South Africa
H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Chau

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuška

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Guyana
Ms. Sonia Felicity Elliott
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. Elias Gounaris

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